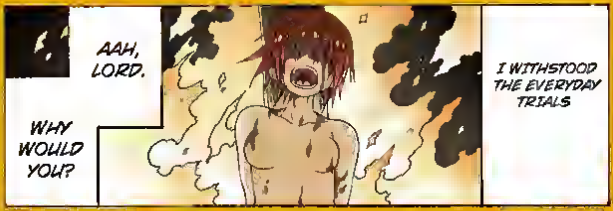
EVEN THOUGH I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SAVED.
EVEN THOUGH I PRAYED SO MUCH.


AAH, LORD.
WHY WOULD YOU?
I WITHSTOOD THE EVERYDAY TRIALS

WILL YOU?
YOU WON'T SAVE ME...

MURATA SHINYA OF ARACHNID × HIYAMA DAISUKE OF SUNFLOWER

THE DARK SAGA BEGINS!!

THE HELLFIRE WITCH SHALL BURN ALL AGAINST GOD!!

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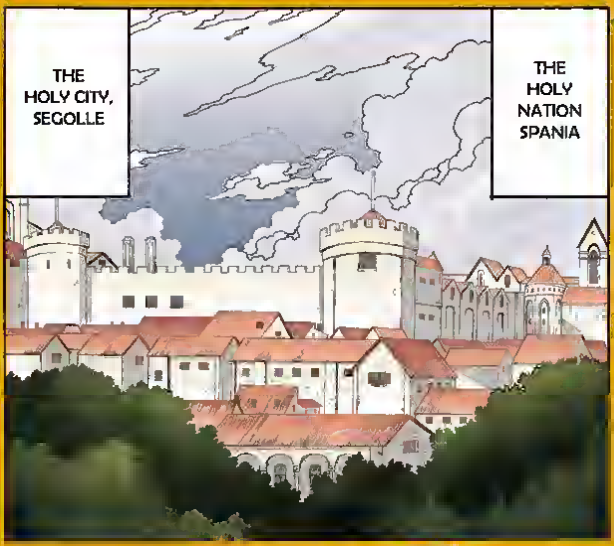
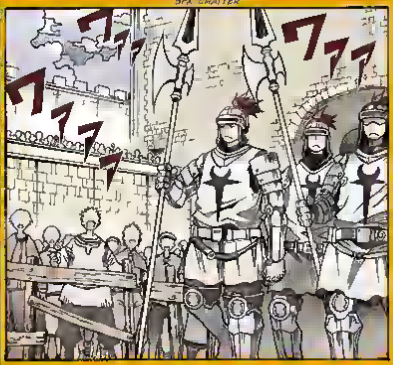
Iron Hammer Against The Witch

#1: THE FLAME WITCH

STORY: MURATA SHINYA ART: HIYAMA DAISUKE


THE HOLY CITY, SEGOLLE
THE HOLY NATION SPANIA

SHE'S THE WITCH, ELISIA!
LOOK!


SFX: CHATTER

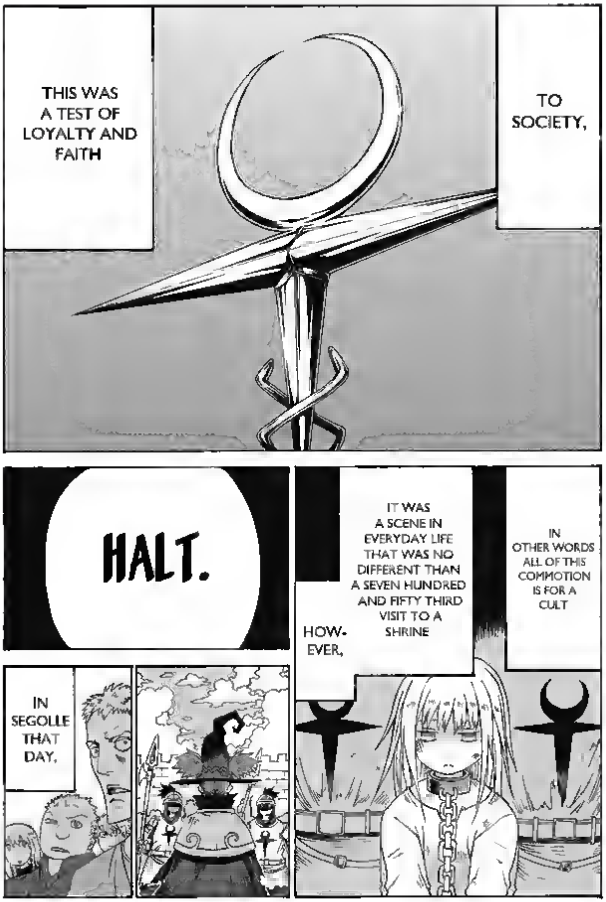
A WITCH!
SHE FINALLY CONFESSED!
ELISIA IS A WITCH!

RECEIVE RETRIB-UTION!
THE DAMNED!
WITCH!
SHES SOLD HER SOUL TO THE DEVIL!
BURN!
REPENT!
KILL HER!
DROP DEAD!
BURN IN HELL!
JIN-GLE
WHORE!
THIS..
CHOP HER UP!
DIE!

IS SAID TO BE A WITCH.
THIS YOUNG GIRL...

FURTHERMORE, THEY SAY SHE HAD EIGHT ABORTIONS AND KILLED TWENTY LIVESTOCK WITH MAGIC.
AT THE TENDER AGE OF NINE, SHE FORNICATED WITH TEN MEN
THE ACCUSATION IS TOO ABSURD TO EXECUTE HER.
SOME OF THEM BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO SEE THE EXECUTION
SOME OF THEM FEEL LIKE HAVING A PICNIC
ONLY RIDICULE AND PROFANITY FLY ABOUT
BUT NONE SEEM TO DISAGREE.
NO
I WONDER IF IT'S AN ILLNESS OF THE MIND
THIS CROWD...

MODEL CITIZENS.
THESE ARE THE TOWN S ..
FOR THOSE WHO ARE CRAVING ENTERTAIN-MENT BUT ARE GASPING IN POVERTY.
A WITCH'S PUBLIC EX ECUTION.
THIS IS THE BEST SHOW
SACRED RITUAL
ABOVE ALL IN THIS VERY ENJOYABLE EXCITING
WITCH HUNTS ARE ALL THE RAGE
THAT MEANS ..
IN THE HOLY CITY SEGOLLE, THE CATHOLIA TEACHINGS ARE BASED ON INQUI-SITION BY THE CHURCH


THIS WAS A TEST OF LOYALTY AND FAITH
TO SOCIETY,
HALT.
IT WAS A SCENE IN EVERYDAY LIFE THAT WAS NO DIFFERENT THAN A SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY THIRD VISIT TO A SHRINE
IN OTHER WORDS ALL OF THIS COMMOTION IS FOR A CULT
HOW-EVER,
IN SEGOLLE THAT DAY,

WAS ABOUT TO OCCUR.
REGULAR COMMON SENSE

A COS-PLAYER,
SHE LOOKS LIKE A WITCH.
WHAT IS THIS?
HUH?
SFX: GRASP
グイ
LISTEN UP.
IT'S THE STAKE IF YOU DON'T!
SHOW ME PROOF YOU AREN'T A WITCH
STRIP, STRIP!
THAT'S RIGHT,
TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES
I'LL EXAMINE YOU FOR THE MARK OF A WITCH.
PROOF?
HM?
スッ…
SFX: CLOTH MOVING

ボーウ
GYAA!

SFX: BLAST!

WINCE
WHAT?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SFX: CLATTER
ドシャア
AIIE!
AIIEAA-AAAA!!

SFX: SIZZLE

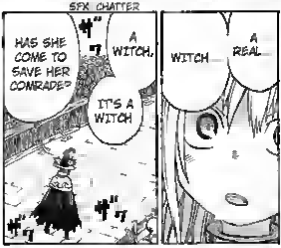
TL: "CATENA" IS A LINK OF CHAIN

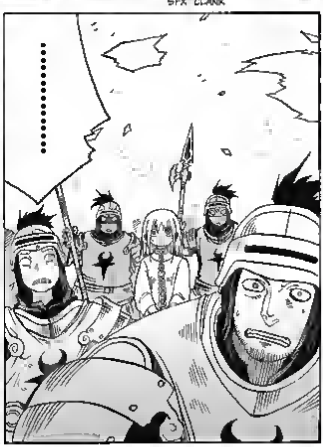
ドガガ
UWO!!
AGAA!!
GYAAH, IT'S HOT!!
SFX: WHIRL

SO HOTTTT!!!
GYAH!
A BURNING CHAIN THAT HUNTS LIVING THINGS...

WHA-
GWAH!
WHAT IS THIS!?
SFX: CLANK

WHAT IS IT?
I DECIDED TO BE A WITCH


SFX: CHATTER
HAS SHE COME TO SAVE HER COMRADE?
A WITCH.
IT'S A WITCH
WITCH...
A REAL...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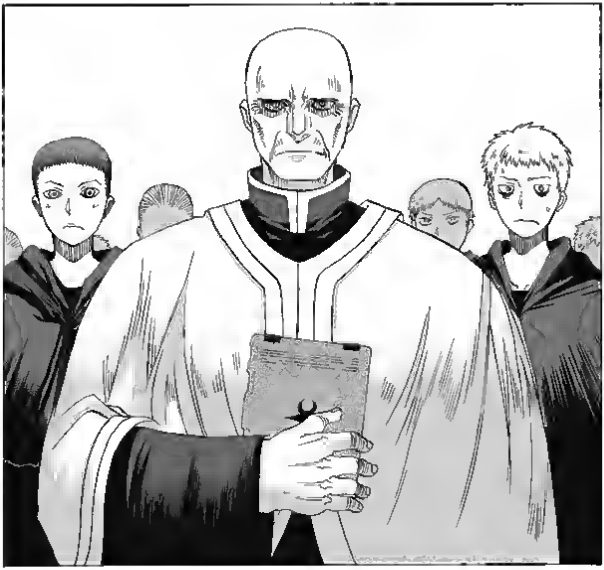
WHAT'S ALL THE COMMOTION ABOUT?



PLEASE LEND US YOUR POWER.
FATHER!

USING EVIL MAGIC!
SHE'S A WITCH.

IT'S FATHER THOMAS!
FATHER!
WE'RE SAVED!

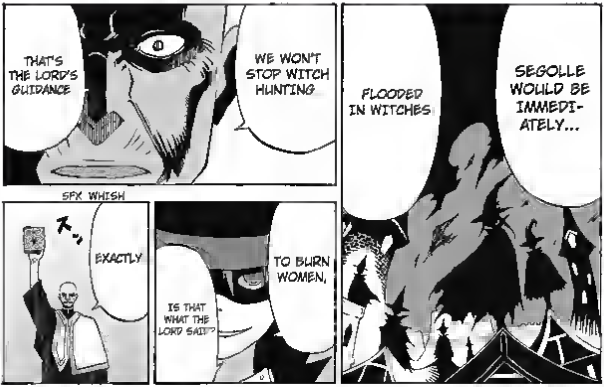
WHAT, ARE YOU HALF-ASLEEP?
MAGIC?
YOU CAN'T BE DRINKING AT NOON!
OBSTRUCT THE HOLY INQUI-SITION?
SHE INTENDS TO...
HM?
YOUR FACE IS BLUE.
WHAT'S WRONG, FABIO?
.....
SHI-VER
SHI-VER
YOU ARE FATHER THOMAS?
S-
B-
SHE IS-
BE-CAUSE,
INDEED

THOMAS DE TREVOR.
I AM THE HEAD OF THE INQUISITION COMMITTEE.

OH, RIGHT.
SFX TOSS
SFX TAT
!?
T...
WHAT'S THIS?
THAT IS THE LORD'S GUIDANCE.
IN THAT CASE, I'LL MAKE MY JUDGEMENT IMMEDIATELY
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE A WITCH?

B-BITCH!
IT'S A PERSONAL LETTER FROM THE CHURCH HEAD-QUAR-TERS
WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?
THIS IS...
THE ROMANE POPE'S SEAL, ISN'T IT?
ARE YOU?
WHO EXACTLY
WHA-?
!?
DOMINO ARCHCARLO.
AN INQUI-SITION WITCH.
SEGOLLE HAS RECENTLY...
THAT'S RIDICU-LOUS!
A WITCH OF IN-QUISI-TION!?
IMPOS-SIBLE!

IN ORDER TO COMPENSATE FOR FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, ABDUCTED THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF THE CITIZENS.
WHEN THEY ARE UNJUSTLY ARRESTED AND TYRANICALLY TORTURED,
THERE IS A POSSIBILITY TO CREATE A WITCH.
UNTIL THAT SUSPICION IS CLEARED,
WITCH HUNTING IN SEGOLLE...
IS FORBIDDEN.
HMPH.
THE ROMANES HAVE A SHELTERED UPBRINGING
WITCH HUNTING CREATES WITCHES?
ABSURD,
WE WON'T YIELD.


THAT'S THE LORD'S GUIDANCE
WE WON'T STOP WITCH HUNTING
FLOODED IN WITCHES
SEGOLLE WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY...
SFX: WHISH
スー
EXACTLY
IS THAT WHAT THE LORD SAID?
TO BURN WOMEN,

BRING DOWN THE HAMMER ON THIS WITCH!
SAINT PEDRO ZEBLIGON DEL BAJU...

I'LL DEMONSTRATE THE WRITINGS OF THIS BOOK.
WOMENS' DESIRES ARE MORE EASILY CORRUPTIBLE THAN MENS'.
THUS, THEY ARE PRONE TO BECOMING WITCHES.
SFX YEAAA
THE WOMAN WHO OPPOSES WITCH HUNTING IS A WITCH.
THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT!
LET'S BURN HER AT THE STAKE, TOO.
TO PURIFY THAT EXISTENCE.
THE STAKE IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE.
GRIND

GWAAAA!
SFX BURN
SFX IGNITE
TSK
WHAT WAS I ACTUALLY DOING?
FATHER!
THE BOOK OF MIRACLES!
THE HAMMER!
IT'S DANGEROUS FATHER!
IT BURNED UP!
A WITCH!
SHE'S...

SHE IS A PIECE OF MEAT, MADE FROM HUNDREDS OF EVIL THINGS!
KILL HER!
SHE WILL BE BURNED BY THE HOLY FLAME!
SFX: AAH
KILL HER!
PURIFY!
TEAR HER LIMB FROM LIMB!
KILL HER!
KILL THE WITCH!
YEAAAA-AAAA!
UGH
THIS IS BAD...

YOU AND FATHER THOMAS NEED TO PROTECT THEM!
THE PEOPLE ARE IN DANGER!
WHAT IS GOING ON?
FABIO!
IT'S SO STRANGE, I CAN'T THINK.
Y-
YOU SEE...
SFX. AAA!
WITCH!
DIE!
THAT GIRL, ELISIA.
THAT PRISONER OVER THERE.
SFX. SLAM
HER TORTURE WAS TOO MUCH

SHE SUPPOSEDLY DIED.
YESTERDAY...
AH.
ボン
SFX EMERGE

HUH?
SFX COLLAPSE
CLENCH
W-WHAT?
HIE!
WHAT?
I AM A WITCH
I AM NO LONGER ELISIA.

A RUPTURE WITCH.

FORMED A CONTRACT!
SHE ALREADY
OH NO!
ENDS HERE.
THIS PRETEND TRIAL...
WHO COMMIT MURDER
THOSE OF THE CHURCH--
WHO ENJOY EXECUTIONS.
MONSTEROUS SOLDIERS--
WHO ARE THE MASSES.
THE OTHER PIGS--
JUDGE YOU ALL.
NEXT, I WILL...

LET'S DO THIS.
<RUPTURE BLADE>
SFX: SWELL
UGH--
HA--
MY STOM-ACH...
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
GWAAH!
SFX: SPEW

ドチャ
SFX. CRASH
SFX. BURST
WHAT COULD--
ピキピキ
IT'S COMING FROM INSIDE OF ME!
I-
ピキ
SFX. PIERCE
GAH!
AHHG!
FWUH!
SFX. BURST
GABAA!
GYAHA-HAHAHA-HAHA!
UGH!
GA!
GYAA!
SFX. BURST

GYAHA-
HAHA-
HAHA!!

SAVE MEEE!
GYAAAA!
IT'S A MONSTER!
RUN!
HIIEEE!
KILL HER!
I KNOW IT—
THIS DEVICE
T-

IT'S HOW TO CREATE THEM.
WHAT THE HAMMER SAYS ISN'T HOW TO PASS JUDGEMENT ON WITCHES
IT SEEMS THAT CLERICS LIKE TO USE PRETTY WORDS TO JUSTIFY TORTURE, AND GIVING PEOPLE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PAIN
YOUR CONCENTRATED GRUDGE AGAINST REVEALING THE WITCHES IS SHAMEFUL
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE SAYING,

F-
FOR-GIVE ME!
PLEASE FORGIVE MEEEE!
AND HIS TRUE COLORS.
THAT THIS IS THE LORD'S GUIDANCE,
HEY!
SPEAK HON-ESTLY!
SFX: FWAAA
I ABSOLUTELY THOUGHT SHE WAS A WITCH.
I THOUGHT SHE WAS A WITCH
S-
SHE HAD A CUTE FACE.
IT WAS A TERRIBLE CRIME...
I WANT TO HEAR YOUR REPORT!
WERE THEY REALLY INNOCENT CHILDREN?

ヒク
SFX: GLANCE
W-
WHAT IS IT?
ABOUT LAST NIGHT...
THE PEAR OF AGONY...
THIS THREATENING PEAR-SHAPED DEVICE USES A SCREW...
THE PEAR OF AGONY...
TO FREELY EXPAND IN THE MOUTH
BUT...
HOWEVER, IT'S STILL IN DEVELOPMENT
THEY ARE USED TO SILENCE PRISONERS

HEHE,
HEY THERE...
LET'S SPREAD OUT YOUR INSIDES.
GYU
GYU
GYU
SFX: TWIST TWIST TWIST
AH!
AH!
THIS PEAK OF AGONY.
THERE IS NO END TO HUMAN CRUELTY.
AAA-AAA!
AAH!
WITHOUT MUCH EFFORT,
IT CAN CHANGE INTO A FORMIDABLE EXECUTION TOOL.
GYAAA-AAA!!
WHEN INSERTED INTO THE VAGINA OR RECTUM. WILL DESTROY THE MAJORITY OF THE HUMAN BODY
SPLAT
SPLAT
SPLAT

UBUU--
MEH
WHY THE HELL WOULD YOU TORTURE HER?
WHY THE HELL WOULD YOU DO THAT?
A LITTLE MORE FOR THE CONFESSION...
H-
HELP ME, I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET
SFX: THUD
MY INSIDES--!
BUT...
FATHER THOMAS...
SFX: BURST

I'LL KILL YOU...
YOU ARE THIS TOWN'S HERO.
YOU MADE A CONTRACT, TOO, DIDN'T YOU?
CAREFULLY.
VERY, VERY...
THE REAL AUTHOR...
"WITCH HAMMER".

IS THE DEVIL.
ASMODEUS.
WH...
!?
BUT THE HAMMER WAS WRITTEN BY A SAINT!
THOSE ARE A DEMON'S WORDS.
IDIOT.
WITCHES KILL HUMANS OUT OF RESENT..
BEFORE RETURNING TO DUST
THAT IS MY JOB
HMPH
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

WHY DON'T WE TEAM UP?
WHAT RESENT DO YOU HAVE?
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU...
I WAS ABLE TO FORGIVE MY UNFORTUNATE MURDERERS.
DIDN'T YOU ALSO BECOME A WITCH?
IN ORDER TO DISPELL YOUR RESENT,
TEE HEE!
SHUT IT!
SHOULD NOT EXIST.
SUCH A THING...
GIVEN LITTLE WATER OR FOOD
I WAS FORCED INTO A CRAMPED DUNGEON.

I WAS THE PLAY THING FOR SO MANY MEN.
EVERYDAY... EVERYDAY...!
JUST FOR THEIR AMUSEMENT.
I HAVE TASTED THE PAIN OF DYING,
AH?
I DO UNDER-STAND.
MHMM.
DO YOU EVEN UNDER-STAND?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF FEELING THAT IS?
<RUPTURE>

GYAA!
SPR. WHIRL

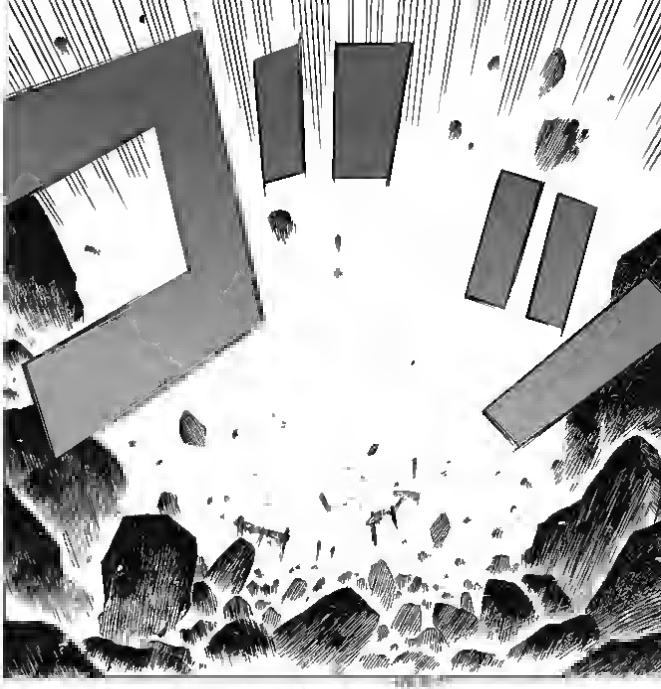
THIS...
!?
ドチャ
SFX. SIZZLE
SFX. CRASH
THE SAME MAGIC ?
WHY DO YOU HAVE .
N-NO WAY.
PEAR OF AGONY!
IT'S A BURNING RED...
I WAS ALSO TORTURED
THAT'S RIGHT
SFX. SIZZLE

BRUTALLY.
MINE WAS ROASTED IN FLAMES.
.....
WITCHES...
DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF TORTURE THEY RECEIVE...
OR THE DEVICES USED,
ARE GRANTED CORRESPONDING ABILITIES
HA!
YOU AND I ARE THE SAME,
WE'RE BOTH RUPTURE WITCHES.

AND I WAS SENTENCED TO THE STAKE.
BECAUSE OF THAT, I CAN USE FIRE.
I ALSO RECEIVED MANY KINDS OF TORTURE DEVICES THAT WRAP AROUND,
NOT AT ALL.
SPK. CRACKLE
A-
A FLAME WITCH.
"VENIFIKA IGNIS". A FLAME WITCH.
THE STAKE.

AN INSANE METHOD OF EXECUTION.
BURNING A HUMAN ALIVE...
YET YOU STILL CAN'T DIE.
THE LOWER BODY IS BURNT AND YOU CAN SEE THE BONES.
YOU CANNOT DIE IMMEDIATELY
IT DOESN'T ENGULF THE WHOLE BODY AT ONCE.
WITH FLAMES OF OVER 2000 DEGREES
THEY JUST CONTINUE TO LET OUT A BEASTLY GROWL.
PRISONERS ARE ALIVE FOR SEVERAL HOURS, UNTIL THEY CAN NO LONGER BREATHE

AND FROM THEN ON, I COULD USE IT...
AN UNIMAGINABLE INFERNO
IT IS...
AFTER HOURS OF BEING ON FIRE...
ALL OF THAT ENERGY...
IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE,
I CAN RELEASE IT ALL AT ONCE AS MAGIC...
YOU'RE GOING TO WASTE THAT?
RUPTURE!
FALLING FLOWER



SFX: WHOOSH

SFX: CRASH

I'M SORRY, ELISIA.
I HAD TO DO IT...

IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE,
ALL THAT'S LEFT ARE CINDERS.
ガラ
SFX: CRUSH
BUT, EVEN THIS
IS NOT NECESSARY FOR SUFFERING

WHY DID YOU DEFEAT THAT WITCH?
IF YOU BEAR A GRUDGE AGAINST THE CHURCH,
WHY DO YOU BEFRIEND THE CHURCH?
DOMINO ARCHCARLO!
ANSWER ME..
HAH, HAH...
SFX: STUMPLE
SO IN ORDER TO KEEP,
WITCH HUNTING IS A FITTING CURSE FOR HUMANITY.
THE DEVIL'S STRATEGY AT BAY,
IT'S THE WILL OF THE POPE.
IT'S NOT MY CHOICE.
BY THE NOTION OF REVENGE
MY HEART IS NOT TRAPPED...

I WANT TO SEE WITCH TRIALS, BUT...
THAT'S UN-REASONABLE.
THE POPE'S...
WILL...!?
OHH...
HALLELU-JAH!

BY ALL MEANS, PLEASE STAY IN SEGOLLE.
THIS IS TRUE FAITH.
YOU'RE INSPIRATIONAL--
SFX. HIT
I SHALL PUT MY WORD IN TO THE POPE.
YOU ARE A COUSIN OF WITCHCRAFT, NOT OUT FOR REVENGE.
SAINT DOMINO ARCHCARLO,
SFX. THUD
MY PURPOSE
YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME.
WITH GREAT EASE
CORRUPTION CAN OCCUR WITHIN A PERSON
NOR TO JUSTIFY ANY FOOLISHNESS
IS NOT TO BE A PRIEST OR A MISSIONARY
A CONCEPT THE DEVIL GAVE BIRTH TO.

FOR THE GREATER GOOD, I SHALL CONTINUE FIGHTING AS A FLAME WITCH!!
RELIGION...
IS A DESTROYER.

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